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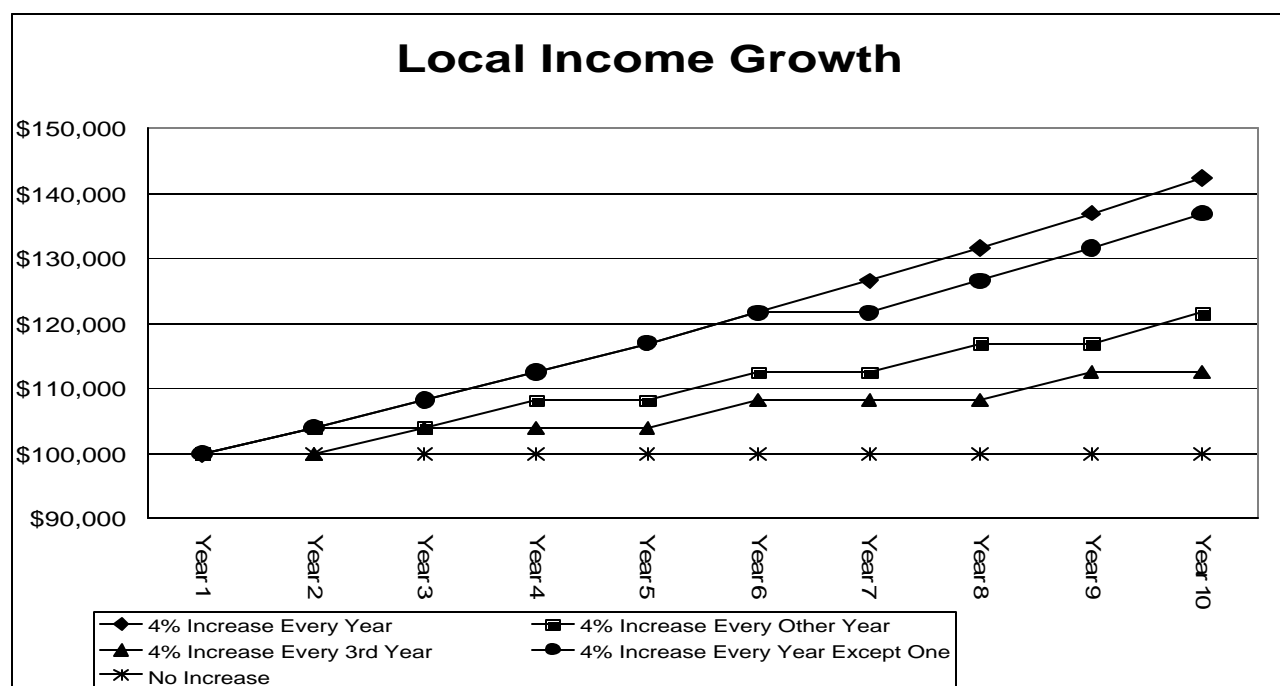
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BUDGET WOES... ARE YOU DOING EVERYTHING YOU CAN?

State governments throughout the nation are experiencing budget crises, and the effects touch everyone and everything – including libraries. Library trustees have a fiduciary responsibility to secure funds necessary for the operation of the library, and in light of fiscal

Those public libraries in Kentucky which are special districts are fortunate to have a legal means of maintaining their local tax base. The law also allows library districts to increase their tax revenue by four percent each year, yet many library boards elect not to do so. Ironically, this is



crises on the state and federal level, this responsibility becomes even more critical. In two Kentucky counties, private citizens sued the local library board for failing to seek the maximum amount of funding allowed by law, and in both cases, the citizens were correct.

one of the easiest ways to increase revenue – a public hearing is required, but the decision is not subject to recall. The cost of opting not to take this increase is felt not only in the current year. The effect is cumulative over many years since

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the projected income used for calculation of proposed tax rates is based upon the actual tax receipts of the current year.

The chart illustrates the impact of the four percent increase on the library's budget over ten years. A library with local tax income of \$100,000 that never takes the increase, represented by the asterisks, will still have the same \$100,000 income at the end of ten years. Considering the effect of inflation, this library will actually have less to provide library service. In contrast, the library that takes the four percent increase every year, represented by the diamonds, will have a local tax income of \$142,331 at the end of ten years.

Taking the four percent increase every other year, represented on the chart by the squares, will result in tax revenue at the end of ten years of \$121,644, while taking the four percent increase only every third year, represented by triangles, will result in local tax income of \$112,486. Even the library that diligently takes the four percent increase every year except one loses \$5,474 per \$100,000 of tax revenue.

No one likes to pay more taxes, and certainly the decision of a library board to raise their neighbors' taxes is a difficult one. However, the first responsibility must be to the welfare of the library. Efforts to raise money from non-traditional sources are commendable and more and more necessary. Yet, libraries that have the legal authority to increase their tax revenue modestly should not ignore this opportunity.

"Whatever the costs of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation."

-- Walter Cronkite

LIBRARY LAW RESOURCE

There are a number of difficult and complex issues that have legal relevance to libraries. And now, there is a source where a wealth of information may be found. LibraryLaw.com is owned by an attorney who specializes in library law.



Topics covered on this website include diverse topics as copyright, latchkey children, intellectual freedom, and library employment. As well, information on current legislation and court cases is provided. The site also provides many links to both library and legal resources. While specific information for every state is not included, this site is strong on federal law, and it is a good starting point. The web address is www.librarylaw.com.

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THE MARIAN AWARDS

The Marian Awards serve to honor individuals who have demonstrated exceptional creativity and resourcefulness in marketing, promoting, and advocating on behalf of public librarians and public libraries. The Marian Awards are presented annually by *The Shy Librarian* magazine. These national awards are open to any individual who has worked in a public library in the United States during 2002.

First place winners will receive a Marian -- a framed award as well as a \$50.00 check from *The Shy Librarian* magazine. Additionally, winners may be featured in an issue of *The Shy Librarian* magazine.

Nominate a candidate for The Marian Awards by submitting an essay (up to 1,200 words) on how the individual being nominated has made a difference in marketing, promoting, and advocating for public libraries (or a single public library), or for librarians or librarianship generally.

Four first place awards, one from each region of the United States: Eastern, Central, Mountain, Pacific (in accordance with time zones) will be awarded. Eight Outstanding Achievement Awards (runner-up awards), will also be given.

All entries must be postmarked by April 30, 2003. For an official entry form and more information, visit www.shylibrarian.com and click on The Marian Awards.

CONGRATS, WINNERS!

Congratulations to the following winners of the First Annual *Kentucky Public Library Newsletter* Library Trivia Quiz contest:

- Diane Estep (with Pat's help) -- Rebecca Caudill Public Library in Harlan County
- Bonnie Rodgers -- Adair County Public Library
- Sybil Givens -- Butler County Public Library

LOW(ER) COST PRINTING

Kentucky Correctional Industries (KCI) now offers top quality four-color printing at affordable, competitive prices. Public library districts, as political subdivisions of the state, are eligible to purchase from Correctional Industries. Printing is available on any printable stock paper -- matte, glossy, or flat finish. Shipping is free in Lagrange and Frankfort areas.

They offer fast, accurate computerized cost quotations by phone, fax, or e-mail. All jobs are guaranteed to the fullest satisfaction. Call KCI at (502) 222-9058 for a quote or additional information.



SERVING OLDER ADULTS?

The American Library Association (ALA) is sponsoring a SeniorServ, a new listserv for librarians serving older adults. To subscribe, send a message to

mailto:listproc@ala.org.

Leave the subject line

blank, or, if your system requires a subject line, enter "subscribe" (without quotation marks) as the subject. As the only line of text in the body of the message, enter the following: subscribe SeniorServ [YourFirstName] [YourLastName] substituting your own first and last names. Do not include the brackets in your message. Messages for distribution to all SeniorServ subscribers should be addressed to mailto:SeniorServ@ala.org.



LIBRARY SCIENCE TRAINING

Whatever your staff training needs, let the Audiovisual Section at the State Library help with its collection of library science videos. Among the library science videos available for checkout are:

- *Diversity in the Library: A Way of Life*
Examines assumptions about customers which can create barriers to outstanding public service in the library.
- *Library Safety*
A police officer illustrates how to identify and respond to threatening situations in the library.
- *Whatever Happened to Carbon Paper?*
Looks at how libraries will change in the near future and examines how these changes will affect library staff.

A complete listing of library science and other videos and films in the State Library's collection can be found in the new 2002 Multimedia Catalog, recently distributed to all public libraries.

Also, the Audiovisual Section has prepared a new mediaography of library science videos, which can be found on the KDLA website at www.kdla.ky.gov/statelib/AV_LibScience.htm. For other mediaographies online, visit AV's Public Library Mediaography page at <http://www.kdla.ky.gov/statelib/audiovisual1.htm#PL>. To request any of these videos for checkout, please call the AV Section at (502) 564-8300, ext.361.

Additional book and audiobook training resources may be found in the State Library's online catalog at <http://kdla.kyvl.org>.

If you need assistance, please contact the State Library at (800) 928-7000, ext. 342. Email inquiries may be sent to the "Ask A Librarian" service at <http://www.kdla.net/statelib/asklib.htm>.

CATALOGING TIP

This month I would like to address the topic of cataloging kits. According to AACR2, a kit is an item containing two or more categories of material, no one of which is identifiable as the predominant part of the item. Nancy Olson's *Cataloging of Audiovisual Materials and Other Special Materials* (4th ed.) is a great resource, and has an entire chapter devoted to kits. There are several basic access points that should be included in your cataloging record. The cataloging records that I looked at chose to use the title of the book as the main entry, with the gmd (general material designator) being [kit]. In the 300 tag (the physical description) be sure to describe all the materials that are contained in the kit. For example: 1 book (unpaged) : col. ill. ; 29 cm. + 1 teacher's guide (1 sheet ; 28 x 22 cm.) + 2 puppets (cloth : col. 26 x 17 x 5 cm.) General notes (500 tag) can be used to give the publisher and date of the book, and also the source of the title. A summary note (520) is definitely needed as well as an author/title added entry (700) for the book that is included in the kit. These are just a few suggestions to make the kits more accessible to your patrons. If you have any specific questions, I am always glad to help. Please feel free to call anytime! Happy Cataloging!

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WANTED: READER'S DIGEST CONDENSED BOOKS

Cheryl and Dan Pogue of Russellville, KY, are willing to purchase large quantities of Reader's Digest Condensed Books. They will pay 25 cents per book and they will come and pick them up. The Pogues may be contacted by phone at 270-542-6356, fax at 270-542-7657, or email at pogues@logantele.com.

PLANNING AHEAD FOR EVENTS

Don't forget the following special events and dates for library related activities:

January	National Book Month.
January 16	Wireless Networks workshop @ GCLC Office in Cincinnati.
January 24-29	American Library Association Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia.
January 28	AARRHH! Young Adults: Who Needs Them? Workshop @ Scheben Branch, Boone County Public Library in Union.
March 3	Read Across America.
March 4-6	Summer Reading Workshops in Frankfort.
March 11	Cataloging workshop @ KDLA in Frankfort.
March 16	Freedom of Information Day.
March 17	Cataloging workshop @ Dawson Springs Branch Library in Dawson Springs.
March 19	Cataloging workshop @ Rowan County Public Library in Morehead.
March 24-28	SOLINET Interlibrary Loan training. Locations to be announced.
March 28-29	McConnell Children's Literature Conference @ Marriot Griffen Gate in Lexington.

For information regarding workshop opportunities, please check KDLAs web page at

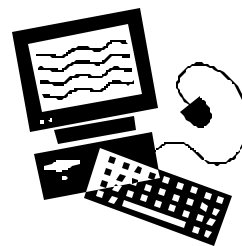
www.kdla.net/events/ce.htm.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

The two-week Public Library Institute will be back this year. The first week will be held in Bowling Green April 14-18. Week Two will be September 8-12 in Lexington. Completion of this program will substitute for one three-hour class toward Paraprofessional and Library Experience certificates. For those seeking certification renewal, four CEUs will be awarded. The target audience is library staff who do not work in professional positions, although all are welcome. The Public Library Institute also offers an excellent introduction to all aspects of library service to new employees.

1880 CENSUS ONLINE

Thanks to volunteers from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which is renowned for its genealogical research facilities, the 1880 U.S. Census is online, complete and searchable. The Mormon Church calls this database, the latest addition to the wealth of genealogical data already available via the Net, the easiest way to date of finding ancestors born in the USA.



The 1880 Census is particularly significant, because it is the first online Census to include former slaves, and the second Census in history to record blacks as individuals rather than as pieces of property. That year's Census also is highly regarded "because it's the first one that told us the names and birthplaces of the parents, which give genealogists more data to follow in their research," says Cyndi Howells, who runs the popular Web site Cyndislist.com, which links to some 170,000 pages.

The searchable 1880 census is available without fee at www.familysearch.org.

'CROSS THE COMMONWEALTH



All across the Commonwealth public libraries and librarians are doing remarkable things that deserve the recognition of their colleagues. This column highlights some of these. Additional items for inclusion are welcome. Please e-mail items of interest to marjorie.flowers@kdla.net.

Jarrett Boyd, Director of the **Carroll County Public Library**, has been selected as recipient of the 2002 Governor's Awards in the Arts, Community Arts Award (Individual category) for her fine work with the Blues at the Point Festival.

Aisin Manufacturing and Toyota recently donated \$20,000 to the **Laurel County Public Library** to create a reading garden at the new library site. The garden will be English in design and contain Japanese plantings along with a tea-house for reading and reflection. Laurel County's new library is scheduled to open March 29, 2003.

The new branch of the **Kenton County Public Library** is doing a booming business since its opening. Over 55,000 items were checked out from October 13-31, which is 17% more than for the entire month of October 2001.

Christie Robinson, a division director at KDLA, has been elected to serve as the representative of Kentucky Library Association to the Southeastern Library Association. **Judith Gibbons**, Field Services Director at KDLA, has been elected by the membership of the Southeastern Library Association to serve as President-Elect. Her term began January 1.

The **Clay County Public Library** and **Rockcastle County Public Library** received the Ezra Jack Keats award for \$350 for materials for their libraries. This funding will be used to add more materials to the collections and to improve the children's collections.

The **Fulton County Public Library** received a Community Grant of \$1000.00 from Wal-Mart.

The **Jackson County Public Library** received \$46,000 from the Empowerment Zone fund for the building fund.

The **McCracken County Public Library** received a donation of \$500.00 from the Eagles Auxiliary #3135 for the purchase of Large Print books. Also, the South Paducah Kiwanis Club sponsored a chili supper with all the proceeds going to update the *Clifford the Big Red Dog* series. The club raised over \$500.00.

Donna Pfeiffer, librarian of the Science Hill Branch of the **Pulaski County Public Library** has been honored with an article written by one of her users. This article, which will appear in a March issue of Parade Magazine, nominates Donna as a person who has done the most for her community. Donna has been the public librarian at the Science Hill library for the past 11 years.

The **Marshall County Public Library** allowed patrons with overdue materials to bring canned goods to the library to pay their fines during the month of December. The Library collected over 250 canned goods which were donated to the Needline, a local foodbank.

BOOKMOBILE ASSISTANCE

Although KDLA does not have a full-time bookmobile consultant, advice on bookmobile issues is available. For questions about outreach programming, contact Susie Crowder, ext. 266. For repair and maintenance issues, consult with Terry Manual, ext. 269. For all other questions regarding bookmobiles, contact Tezeta Lynes, ext. 267. The telephone number at KDLA is 1-502-564-8300 or 1-800-928-7000.

KDLA@YOUR LIBRARY

Tune in to www.kdla.ky.gov/@yourlibrary/main.htm! As part of its ongoing public awareness initiative, KDLA has launched an “@yourlibrary” web magazine. It's directed primarily to public library staff and trustees, and is meant to be a resource for our public library community.

Over the next year, each “issue” of this website will focus on one of our public libraries' basic values: democracy, life-long learning, neighborliness, technology, pride. Notification will be posted on the statewide listservs when each new issue debuts, about every three months.

The site is supported in large part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). If the link above doesn't work, it may also be accessed directly from the KDLA home page at www.kdla.ky.gov. Feedback? Contact Judith Gibbons at judith.gibbons@kdla.net or Kelly Reed at kelly.reed@kdla.net.

NEW FACES IN FIELD SERVICES

The Field Services Division at KDLA is pleased to welcome two new employees. Michael Jones is the Branch Manager of the Public Library Development Office, and his primary responsibility is the supervision of regional staff. Michael graduated from the University of Alabama School of Library and Information Studies. He served as Director of the Sunflower County Library in Indianola, Mississippi and the North Shelby Library in Birmingham, Alabama. He relocated to Kentucky with his wife and five year old daughter.



Tricia Bengal hails from Syracuse, New York, where she worked for Gaylord Information Systems, a library software vendor. A native of Kentucky, Tricia graduated from the University of Kentucky School of Library and Information Science. She is the Bluegrass Regional Librarian, serving Boyle, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Garrard, Jessamine, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Powell, and Woodford Counties. She and her husband are the proud owners of a Doberman Pinscher. Please join in welcoming Michael and Tricia to Kentucky and to KDLA.

IN MEMORY

The Kentucky public library community suffered a loss when Jim Edney passed away on November 28, 2002, following a difficult struggle with cancer. Jim served as Regional Librarian since 1987, first in the Buffalo Trace Region, and then in Northern Kentucky. Jim's knowledge, his passion, and his wit will be missed by all who knew him.

KYVL AWARD

The Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL) has won a Golden Web Award for the KYVL for Kids portal. This award is given by the International Association of Webmasters and Designers. Visit this very cool portal at www.kyvl.org/html/kids/f_portal.html.

LIBRARY TRIVIA CORNER

Can you match the literary characters on the left with the Pulitzer prize-winning novels on the right?

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| 1. Ignatius J. Reilly | a. <i>So Big</i> |
| 2. Jack Burden | b. <i>Rabbit Is Rich</i> |
| 3. Captain Queeg | c. <i>Lonesome Dove</i> |
| 4. Quoye | d. <i>A Bell for Adano</i> |
| 5. Harry Angstrom | e. <i>The Shipping News</i> |
| 6. Sethe | f. <i>All the King's Men</i> |
| 7. Augustus McCrae | g. <i>A Confederacy of Dunces</i> |
| 8. Selena Peake DeJong | h. <i>The Caine Mutiny</i> |
| 9. Victor Joppolo | i. <i>The Age of Innocence</i> |
| 10. Wanda McCaddon | j. <i>Beloved</i> |

Answers: 1)g; 2)f; 3)h; 4)e; 5)b; 6)i; 7)c; 8)a; 9)d; 10)j

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